

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER**



John O. Barr Manager since 1/2010 Education: Colgate University Harvard Business School

#### Experience:

1980 - 1995: Technology industry experience 1995 - 2000: Needham & Company, LLC 2000 - 2002: Robertson Stephens & Co.

2002 - 2008: Buckingham Capital Management, Inc. 2008 - 2009: Oliver Investment Management, LLC

2009 - PRESENT: Needham Investment Management, LLC

**Chris Retzler** Manager since 1/2009 Education: **Bucknell University Fulbright Scholar** Columbia Business School

#### Experience:

1994 - 2002: Merrill Lynch Investment Banking

2002 - 2005: Winterkorn Orthopedic

2005 - PRESENT: Needham Investment Management, LLC

### **FUND HIGHLIGHTS**

- Seeks to create long-term, tax-efficient capital appreciation
- Focus on domestic growth equities in sectors including technology, healthcare, energy, specialty retail, media and business and consumer services
- Sound valuation discipline of buying growth companies at a reasonable price
- Seeks to invest in companies with focused, incentivized management teams
- Seeks investments with unrecognized product or operating margin expansion opportunities
- The Fund may engage in short sales and hold cash
- Invests in venture-backed post-IPO opportunities

S&P 400

Russell 2000

# **GROWTH OF \$10,000 INVESTMENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2021** NEEIX



NEEGX

S&P 500

The chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in the Fund since the Fund's inception. Assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not reflect the effect of any redemption fees. This chart does not imply any future performance.

## **RISK/REWARD METRICS\***

	3	YR	51	YR .	SINCE IN	INCEPTION	
	Fund	S&P 500	Fund	S&P500	Fund	S&P500	
Average Annual Return	25.14	16.78	18.31	16.29	13.88	9.72	
Alpha	6.51	0.00	1.07	0.00	4.02	0.00	
Beta	1.07	1.00	1.07	1.00	1.07	1.00	
Maximum Drawdown	[18.74]	(19.60)	[18.74]	[19.60]	(49.15)	[50.95]	
Upside Capture Ratio	112.83	100.00	99.33	100.00	118.40	100.00	
Downside Capture Ratio	84.33	100.00	88.40	100.00	101.17	100.00	
Standard Deviation	21.68	18.40	17.94	14.89	21.42	15.27	
R-Squared	83.16	100.00	78.74	100.00	57.86	100.00	
Sharpe Ratio	1.09	0.83	0.96	1.02	0.53	0.49	

<sup>\*</sup>Risk/Reward metrics based on the Fund's retail share class. Metrics are since inception of the Fund, 1/1/96 to 3/31/21. Active Share is as of 3/31/21.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% OF NET ASSETS
Entegris, Inc.	7.99%
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	6.52%
CarMax, Inc.	6.26%
Aspen Aerogels, Inc.	5.79%
PDF Solutions, Inc.	5.32%
KVH Industries, Inc.	4.21%
Vicor Corp.	3.93%
Comcast Corp Class A	3.92%
FormFactor, Inc.	3.66%
Becton Dickinson & Co.	3.07%
Total	50.67%

47.95%
20.52%
25.38%
6.15%

FUND STATISTICS	
Net Assets 12-month Trailing Turnover	\$150 million 15%
Active Share % vs. S&P 500	94.5%

CLASS STATISTICS	RETAIL	INSTITUTIONAL
Share Class	No-Load	No-Load
NASDAQ Symbol	NEEGX	NEEIX
VAV	\$59.97	\$61.60
Minimum Initial nvestment	\$2,000/\$1,000 for IRA	\$100,000
Minimum Subsequent nvestment	\$100/No min for IRA	None
2b-1 Fees	0.25%	None
Gross Expense Ratio	2.01%	1.73%
Net Expense Ratio*	1.98%	1.43%
nception Date	1/1/1996	12/30/2016

\*Reflects a contractual agreement by the Fund's investment adviser to waive its fee and/or reimburse the Fund through April 30, 2021, to the extent the Gross Expense Ratio exceeds 1.95% and 1.40% of the average daily net assets of Retail Class Shares and Institutional Class Shares (Expense Cap). The Expense Cap excludes taxes, interest, brokerage, dividends on short positions, fees and expenses of "acquired funds," extraordinary items and shareholder redemption fees but includes the management fee.

## **DEFINITIONS**

ACTIVE SHARE: Represents the proportion of portfolio holdings that differ from those in the benchmark index. ALPHA: Measures the difference between the Fund's actual returns and its benchmark, given its level of risk as measured by beta. The difference is expressed as an annual percentage. BETA: Measures the volatility of the fund, as compared to that of the overall market. MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN: Measures the largest single drop from peak to trough in the value of a portfolio (before a new peak is achieved). UPSIDE CAPTURE RATIO: Measures a fund's performance versus a benchmark during periods where the benchmark had a positive return. DOWNSIDE CAPTURE RATIO: Measures a fund's performance versus a benchmark during periods where the benchmark had a negative return. STANDARD DE-VIATION: A statistical measure of portfolio risk used to measure variability of total return around an average, over a specified period of time. The greater the standard deviation over the period, the wider the variability or range of returns and hence, the greater the fund's volatility.  $\mbox{\sc R-SQUARED:}$  Measures the percentage of a fund's returns that can be explained by the returns of the benchmark. SHARPE RA-TIO: Is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate, such as that of the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond from the rate of return for a portfolio and dividing the result by the standard deviation of the portfolio returns.



### **AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS AS OF 3/31/21**

	3 MO	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	10YR	SINCE INCEPT.
Needham Growth Fund Inst Class**	7.39%	7.39%	87.68%	25.77%	18.88%	12.45%	14.37%
After Taxes on Distributions	7.39%	7.39%	84.98%	22.71%	16.42%	10.68%	12.91%
After Taxes on Distributions & Redemptions	4.38%	4.38%	53.14%	19.53%	14.48%	9.71%	12.25%
Needham Growth Fund Retail Class	7.30%	7.30%	86.96%	25.14%	18.31%	11.94%	13.88%
After Taxes on Distributions	7.30%	7.30%	84.21%	22.05%	15.82%	10.17%	12.41%
After Taxes on Distributions and Redemptions	4.32%	4.32%	52.74%	19.01%	13.99%	9.27%	11.79%
S&P 500 Index	6.17%	6.17%	56.35%	16.78%	16.29%	13.91%	9.72%
S&P 400 Index	13.47%	13.47%	83.46%	13.40%	14.37%	11.92%	11.89%
Russell 2000 Index	12.70%	12.70%	94.85%	14.76%	16.35%	11.68%	9.48%

The Needham Growth Fund inception date is 1/1/96. Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Figures include changes in principal value, reinvested dividends and capital gains distributions. Investment return and principal value will vary, and shares may be worth more or less at redemption than at original purchase. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit www.needhamfunds.com or call 1-800-625-7071 for the most current month-end performance data.

### **INDUSTRY WEIGHTINGS\*\*\***

SECTOR	LONG	(SHORT)	NET
Aerospace & Defense	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
Biotechnology	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%
Building Products	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Commercial Services & Supplies	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Communications Equipment	7.3%	0.0%	7.3%
Electrical Equipment/Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	8.4%	0.0%	8.4%
Energy Equipment & Services	5.8%	0.0%	5.8%
Entertainment	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies/Health Care Providers & Services	7.4%	0.0%	7.4%
Household Products	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%
Industrial Conglomerates	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
Interactive Media & Services	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%
IT Services	3.0%	0.0%	3.0%
Life Sciences Tools & Services	6.7%	0.0%	6.7%
Media	4.0%	0.0%	4.0%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	31.7%	0.0%	31.7%
Software	8.5%	0.0%	8.5%
Specialty Retail	6.3%	0.0%	6.3%
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	4.6%	0.0%	4.6%
Trading Companies & Distributors	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%
Cash	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Total	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%

\*\*Performance for any periods prior to the inception date of Institutional Class Shares are based on the historical performance of the Retail Class Shares adjusted to assume the expenses associated with Institutional Class Shares.

### **DEFINITIONS AND DISCLOSURES**

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Percentage of total investments as of 3/31/21, which means all stocks held long plus cash minus all short positions.